Mirror Lake, One of the Granddaddy Lakes in Uintah Mountains

divide in Logan Canyon and suddenly looks down upon the surpassing loveliness of the lake, he receives a thrill of delight. Seen from the air, the waters are clear as crystal. It is claimed that the lake is very deep, more than 1,600 feet in places. In fact, the astonishing beauty of Bear Lake comes from its great depth.

Granddaddy Lakes and the Uintah Mountains

"The plane is rising fast into the air. Our pilot is going to take us across the Wasatch Mountains which are to the east of Salt Lake City. We must reach an altitude of nearly 13,000 feet before it will be perfectly safe to cross the mountains, since some of the Wasatch peaks rise 12,000 feet into the skies.

"We are now going to one of the most beautiful spots in Utah, or for that matter, in all America. The place is the Granddaddy Lake region, lying in the tops of the Uintah Mountains. There approximately a thousand lakes nestle between towering mountain peaks. Look off east of us. We can already see King's Peak, altitude 13,498 feet, the highest in Utah. It stands at the head, or west end, of the Granddaddy Lakes.

"Observe on your maps that the Uintahs are located in northeastern Utah. You may have already noticed that the Uintah Mountains run east and west while the other mountains of the State run north and south. The Uintahs extend eastward from the base of the Wasatch for a distance of over a hundred miles and are from thirty to forty miles wide.

"We are now directly over King's Peak, in full view of the numerous lakes glistening in the sunshine. From these bodies of water which are fed by the melting snows of this range, five rivers flow. Beginning in the region below us, the Bear River runs north, the Weber northwest, and the Provo southwest. In following their natural courses, they eventually reach the Great Salt Lake. A little farther east other streams flow down each side of the Uintahs. They are the Duchesne and Green rivers and their tributaries. These streams empty into the Rio Colorado, which eventually pours its waters into the Gulf of California.

"Utah in Her Western Setting" by Milton R Hunter

to Utah had been understood by the pioneer leaders and if they had of known the splendid officers and personnel of the "Expedition" and the instructions they had received from the war department, many of the complications which took place would not have occurred. But the people of Utah had no way of knowing those facts since the government had taken great care to keep them uninformed. Thus much of the entire affair came about as a result of a complete misunderstanding between the settlers of Utah and the United States Government. It took time to clear away those misunderstandings and place the Utahns and the government on amicable terms again.

MIRROR LAKE, ONE OF THE GRANDDADDY LAKES IN UINTAH MOUNTAINS

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